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The Honorable Beth P. Gesner  
Chief Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court  
for the District of Maryland  
101 W. Lombard Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: United States of America v. Roy McGrath  
Case No. DLB-21-0399  
Initial Appearance & Lafler Hearing  
Hearing Date: March 10, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

Dear Judge Gesner:

It is my understanding that an initial appearance for the superseding indictment filed in the above-captioned matter, as well as a "Lafler" hearing has been scheduled for Friday, March 10, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. As a result of an inadvertent oversight the hearing was not previously scheduled, and is now scheduled the Friday prior to the commencement of the trial in this matter. Mr. McGrath resides in Florida, and is traveling to Maryland for the trial. That being said, Mr. McGrath had planned on traveling on Saturday in advance of Monday's trial date.

I submit this letter as an inquiry/request if the noted hearings can be conducted virtually on Friday afternoon in order to accommodate Mr. McGrath's previous travel plans. The government has indicated that it objects to this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

-s-

Joseph Murtha

cc: Joyce McDonald, AUSA